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Centennial Alumni Award – 2017 Ceremony Honoring Dr. Gene W. Poor.

In 2017, Dr. Gene W. Poor was honored with the Centennial Alumni Award, a Hall of Fame recognition celebrating distinguished graduates whose achievements, leadership, and service have made a lasting impact in their fields and communities.

Poor was recognized for his pioneering work in animatronics through LifeFormations, his decades of creative innovation, and his influential career as a professor and mentor. His contributions in entrepreneurship, design, and education have shaped industries, inspired students, and extended the creative possibilities of lifelike character design.

This ceremonial program documents the event honoring his achievements during the university's centennial celebration.

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Recognition of Gene W. Poor's 2017 Centennial Alumni Award for distinguished achievement, leadership, and creative impact.

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PAST INDUCTEES

Legacy of Excellence

The College of Education, Health and Human Services Hall of Fame celebrates distinguished graduates whose achievements, leadership and service have made a lasting impact in their fields and communities. This database recognizes the exceptional individuals who have received this honor.

Centennial Alumni Award

Dr. Fay Biles, 2010

Dr. Donald R. Coffee, 2011

Lou Holtz, 2012

Dr. Dean Hummel, 2013

Dr. Pat Camerino, 2014

Ms. Violet Bica-Ross, 2015

Mr. Charles Fensch, 2016

Dr. Gene Poor, 2017

Ms. Carol Schempp, 2018

Dr. Mark Levine, 2019

Mr. Tim Kilduff, 2020

Ms. Sandra Harbrecht Ratchford,
2022

Mr. David Williams, 2024

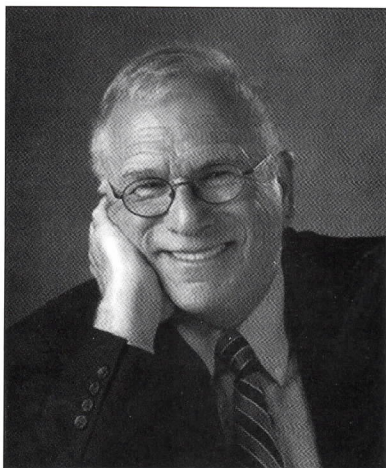
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Centennial Alumni Award

Dr. Gene Poor

Nominated by Kirk Kern

Dr. Gene Poor received his bachelor of science degree in Industrial Education in 1966, as well as his Masters of Education in 1968 from Kent State University. He received his doctoral degree in Educational Administration and Supervision in 1972 from Bowling Green State University. Dr. Poor has held many academic, non-academic and administrative positions throughout his career in higher education. He was named endowed Professor Emeritus of Entrepreneurship at Bowling Green State University in 2008. He is the current Director of the Entrepreneurship Program for the College of Business Administration at Bowling Green State University. He has served in this role since 2010. He has also facilitated several entrepreneurial start-ups such as Lifeformations, Design Collaborative, Lapointe and Poor Company, Fentress and Poor and Image Two.